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1. The reply filed on July 30, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to respond to the election of species. Applicant was required to elect one of different species of the refrigeration system shown in Figs. 4 & 8, Fig. 5, Fig. 6, and Fig. 7; furthermore, Applicant was also required to elect one of the different species of how the refrigeration system is used shown in Figs. 1-2, Figs. 9-12, Figs. 13-16, Fig. 17, Fig. 18, Figs. 21-22, and Figs. 23-24. See paragraph 6 of the Office action dated June 30, 2004. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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